

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Uwe KOEHN

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For: PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING SIDE FOLD SACKS MADE OF
PLASTIC FILM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3 and 4 as follows:

3. (amended) Process, as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that in the graduation the bottom layers of the side folds project beyond the upper layers of the side folds.

4. (amended) Process, as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the perforation lines are affixed on a flat lying plastic web at intervals equal to the length of the segments of a web of plastic tubular film, before said segments are added to a side fold tubular web by folding the web sides so as to overlap and simultaneously inserting side folds and affixing a center weld, which runs lengthwise.

REMARKS

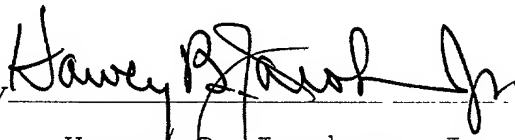
The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

3. (amended) Process, as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that in the graduation the bottom layers of the side folds project beyond the upper layers of the side folds.

4. (amended) Process, as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the claims 1 to 3], characterized in that the perforation lines are affixed on a flat lying plastic web at intervals equal to the length of the segments of a web of plastic tubular film, before said segments are added to a side fold tubular web by folding the web sides so as to overlap and simultaneously inserting side folds and affixing a center weld, which runs lengthwise.